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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

CHEATS UNCLE SAM.

Another Swindle Perpetrated on the Government.

If Machinist May's Statements Are to Be Believed.

SHELLS ARE MADE

Which in Case of War Would Be Utterly Useless.

Highup Officials Seem to Wink at Crookedness.

New York, Aug. 6.—A world dispatch from Reading, Pa., says:

Wesley B. May, a machinist of this city, says there is rotteness in the Carpenter Arms and Projectile works and Secretary Herbert has been making an investigation of the Carpenter shells piled up in the navy yard at Washington, as a result of May's disclosure.

May was formerly employed in the works of the Carpenter Steel company at North Reading. He was put in charge of the shell department and before he left there he says he saw enough to convince him that the government was being outrageously swindled.

When Machinist May first went to Washington with his revelations of fraudulent and defective constructions, he says he was snubbed most persistently. In fact he described his reception as so chilly that a less determined man would have been scared off.

May went to work for the Carpenter Steel company September 1, 1893. His first employment was in running a boring mill. His work was to bore a large hole in the armor-piercing projectiles from the base up to about the point where "burly" projects out like a ring around the shell.

After working two weeks on the large boring mill May was put to work on a lathe, turning the projectiles, and a few days later he was assigned to the grinding department.

May had not worked in this room long before he came across a shell that it was warped in tempering; that is, it was not true. When placed on the lathe it would wobble. A straight line drawn directly through the axis of the shell from the exact center of the base would not strike the point of the projectile known technically as the "ogive."

May tried up this shell on his machine by the "burly." This is the slight projection at the head of the shell where it began to taper off towards the point "ogive." This particular projectile ran out of center so far that May decided, because of his practical knowledge, that it would not enter a gun. He called his foreman, a man of the name of Wilson, and asked him what to do with the shell.

May's idea was that it should be thrown on the scrapheap. The foreman told him to true up all the shells by the burly and not to mind whether the rear end was out of center or not. The foreman explained that the main object was to get a true and square band around the burly. Otherwise it would make a bad impression on the government inspector when he came, and if he measured it with his dividers he could see that something was wrong.

May said he was satisfied then that all responsibility had been removed from him, and so he worked along with the machine under the foreman's order up to May 20, 1894. He was taking the place of an old employe of Carpenter, who was on the sick list for many weeks. While May was on this machine a very large proportion of the shells which he turned were far from being true, that he kept no account of their number, though he was a quiet investigator as to the cause. He found that these defective shells had warped during the tempering process.

May went to Washington on May 25. He inquired for the office of the secretary of the navy and was told that Mr. Herbert was in Alabama. He learned that the matter in which he was interested was under the administration of Captain Sampson, chief of the ordnance bureau. To Captain Sampson's office, therefore, he went.

Captain Sampson got May to tell him the defect in the shells, and May says he was very much surprised when Captain Sampson made this remarkable statement: "Young man, that warping, as you call it, does not affect the efficiency of the shell at all. The copper bands around the base of the projectile will attend to all that. Keep the parts you speak of from wearing away the bore of the gun."

May obtained entrance into the navy yard and saw the projectiles banded, and discovered by the way in which they were placed in the lathe that the machinist, and presumably the spectators at the yard, had no idea that the shells were not straight.

Later Jacobs and May visited Washington, saw Secretary Herbert, who gave them an order to inspect the shells at the navy yard. They were treated as more convinced than ever, that a fraud was being perpetrated. They, however, failed to impress this belief upon the Washington officials, the latter strongly denying that any irregularity existed in connection with the shells.

Three Million Gallons of Whiskey.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 6.—Internal Revenue Commissioner Miller today ordered six guineas from here to Pekin, Ill., to regulate whiskey which the whiskey trust wants to take out of bond. The guineas go next to Peoria. The trust has ordered three million gallons out of bond in this district, all of which is to be regauged.

Anarchists Sent to Moscow.

ROME, Aug. 6.—Six anarchists were arrested while holding a secret conference here last evening. It is estimated that 2,000 anarchists who were arrested in the raids of the last two months will be deported. A group of 50 has been already sent to Naples to embark for Moscow, in the Red sea.

GOSSARD FAILS.

The Prominent Kansas City Investment Company Assigns Today.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 6.—Alvin H. Gossard for the Gossard Investment company this morning filed deeds of assignment for the benefit of creditors. Ex-Postmaster F. R. Nofsinger is named as assignee. The assets are placed at \$321,350 and the liabilities at \$197,283. Considerable business was done in New England, where the heaviest losers are located, and it is said many parties in the east were caught for big amounts.

The company was organized in 1885 with a paid up capital of \$100,000, and dealt principally in lands.

The capital stock was subsequently raised up into the hundreds of thousands, but before the company's failure was reduced, at that time being \$200,000.

Bad loans and stringent times are said to have caused the collapse.

The creditors are scattered all over the east, and they are caught in various sums ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000 or so. Mr. Gossard placed the liabilities at \$250,000.

THAYER APPOINTED.

The Missouri Jurist Given the Expected Appointment Today.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The president today sent to the senate the following nominations:

Justice—Amos Thayer of Missouri, to be U. S. circuit judge of the Eighth judicial circuit (Act approved July 23, 1891); James D. Porter of Tennessee, to be U. S. district judge of the eastern and middle districts of Tennessee, vice D. M. Key resigned; H. S. Priest of Missouri, to be U. S. district judge of the eastern district of Missouri.

LOTS OF RAIN COMING.

Mr. Jennings Thinks We Shall Have Many Inches This Month.

Eighty-seven degrees is the highest altitude attained by the mercury in Dr. Fairweather's infernal machine today, and with a prospect for wet weather all this month and next there are better times in store for Kansas.

T. B. Jennings, observer at the weather bureau here, says there will be plenty of rain all of August and September, but does not expect it to commence until after Friday.

He bases his calculations not alone upon present indications, but also the weather plan of the prediction. In 1887 there was a very dry July, but in August 6½ inches of rain fell, and September was equally damp. He thinks it was so also in 1885.

Mr. Jennings returned from Western Kansas last night and reports plenty of rain west of Hutchinson, which came in time to save the alfalfa and everything else that had not been cooked.

SWITCHMEN GO BACK.

The Strike Ended But Were Not Places for All the Men.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—The train yards of the Lake Shore and Western companies at Root street were filled today with switchmen and engineers who were ready to return to work. They voted almost unanimously yesterday to end the strike. Few of them were reinstated, their places having been taken by the strike by new men. Considerable surprise was shown by the men at the delay of the companies in accepting their services.

About 2,000 men who applied for work at the stock yards were sent away. The Switchmen's association took charge of the switch engines in use about the yards, and the old men were placed over the new ones to give them instructions.

The repair shops opened at Pullman with 150 additional men at work. This increase makes the force now employed number 800 in all, and it is expected by the company that by tomorrow there will be at least 1,000 men at work.

TARSNEY UNDER GUARD.

He Leaves For Colorado Springs With a Body Guard.

DENVER, Aug. 6.—Adjutant General Tarsney left for Colorado Springs today, accompanied by a military body guard at the head of which is Brigadier General Brooks.

A warrant has been issued by Judge Campbell at Colorado Springs for Gen. Tarsney's arrest for contempt of court in failing to answer a summons to appear before the grand jury. He is now ready to give the grand jury the facts concerning the larding and feathering outrage of which he was the victim.

Arrives at Colorado Springs.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 6.—Adjutant General Tarsney arrived here this afternoon. Judge Campbell refused to recognize the governor's authority and ordered Sheriff Bowers to serve his warrant. Tarsney refused and gave a bond of \$1,000 for his appearance before Judge Campbell tomorrow. He is now ready to testify before the grand jury.

BARING IS HERE.

The Affairs of the Santa Fe Company to Be Further Looked Into.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Thomas Baring of Baring Bros. & Co. of London is in this country to look into the affairs of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company. He went to Boston today to confer with some of the directors regarding tomorrow's meeting of the company.

Engineer Byrnes' Assassin.

DANVILLE, Ill., Aug. 6.—Daniel Mayfield, a striking brakeman of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois road, has been arrested for the shooting of Engineer Burt Byrnes in his cab a week ago, on the charge of murder. The officers have the testimony of eye-witnesses that he is the assassin.

Boys Lost on a Raft.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Twelve boys who had been swept out into the lake on a frail raft, were rescued today by the life saving crew. The boys had been diving from the raft when it broke from its moorings and drifted rapidly away from land. The screams of the lads attracted a large crowd, and they were rescued with little difficulty.

TALK FOR AN HOUR.

The Conference On the Pending Tariff Bill,

Still Unable to Reach an Agreement.

THE HOUSE BEGGING.

The Senate Has Its Foot on the Neck

Of the Lower House and the President.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The Democratic tariff conference were in session again today at 11 o'clock and resumed the work of trying to reach an agreement on the points of difference.

When some of the members of the committee came out of the conference at 12 o'clock they stated that no possible progress had been made and that to all appearances the situation was the same as it had been for the past week. Secretary Carlisle had recently been called into frequent consultation by individual members of the conference. He was called on Saturday night by a sub-committee of the conference. He made certain suggestions concerning the administrative features of some of the proposed compromise features, and it is understood that since the suggestions were received, the conference has been considering their bearing upon the questions at issue.

The coal and iron ore questions have been taken up with a view to reaching an understanding upon them, but progress has been slow.

It is understood that the senate conference have indicated a willingness to make a concession in the way of time that the duty shall continue, but not to lessen the amount of duty provided in either case. The house members have not indicated a disposition to accept this concession and is understood to be holding out for the terms of the house bill on these items.

The Louisiana senators are demanding the continuation of at least a part of the sugar bounty for the present year, but the prospect of the success of this demand does not appear to be bright, and there is an increase of the talk of passing a free trade bill in place of a tariff bill, which is probably intended largely to bring the Louisiana senators into line.

Coal and Iron Disputed Over.

When the tariff conference took a recess for lunch today two distinct views were presented. The house conferees and the men with whom they conversed seemed to insist that the agreement was in sight. The senate conferees and those senators with whom they advise and consult, seemed to think that the prospects were not so bright and that an ultimate disagreement would be reported.

It was also stated that an end must be reached within the next two days and either an agreement or a report of a disagreement made. Coal and iron ore were the articles in dispute, the contest having been transferred from sugar, which has so long engaged the attention of the conferees. The contest over these articles is very stubbornly made on both sides.

"DOWN WITH PARTIES."

They Are All Corrupt From the Nature of Things, Says Remington.

TOPEKA, KAN., Aug. 6, 1894. To Hon. Cyrus Leland, Chairman Republican State Central Committee, and Hon. John W. Breidenbach, Chairman Populist State Central Committee, Topeka, Kan.

DEAR SIRS:—We regard the moral and financial condition of this country as alarming in the extreme. Touching this matter we fully concur with the views of the Omaha convention, as expressed in the principles of its platform, and we fully concur with said convention as to the causes producing this unhappy condition. We also agree with said convention touching the tendency of political parties to pass into the hands of an office holding class to be used as their property and to subserve their ends, hence we believe in the wisdom of the "Omaha ordinance," excluding office-holders and their employes from caucuses and conventions.

We also believe that the principles of the Omaha platform should be crystallized into law, hence we are Populists.

But when we view the record of the old political parties and consider the course of the People's party in Kansas and its wanton departure from the spirit and fundamental law of the party as laid down in its platform at Omaha, we are led to doubt the sufficiency of political parties to meet the demands of the hour, hence we challenge through you, the Republican and People's party, respectively, to a series of joint discussions upon the following resolutions:

First.—That political parties are inadequate to meet the needs of the hour.

Second.—That by virtue of their power they become the enemy of the plain people, by lowering the standard of intelligence, corrupting their more important questions, will meet you through a committee, choose places and dates and make all necessary arrangements.

Very truly yours,

W. H. BENNINGTON, President.

ED. C. CORNING, Secretary of Initiative and Referendum Club of Kansas.

He Saw the Vigilant Win.

COWES, Aug. 6.—Emperor William of Germany arrived here at 3 p. m. on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern. His majesty was received with the usual salutes. The Vigilant won the yacht race today.

GRAND STAND BURNS.

Philadelphia's Baseball Park is Made an Utter Ruin.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—The Philadelphia baseball park, one of the finest of its kind in the country, is a smoking wreck of crumbling walls, charred timbers and twisted iron, the largest tables of the omnibus company adjoining to the west now burning, and the car stables of the Thirteenth and Fifteenth streets division of the Philadelphia Traction Co. and adjoining property, are badly damaged.

The conflagration started between the partitions in the ladies toilet room at the west end of the main pavilion of the ball park.

The Philadelphia and Baltimore teams had been scheduled to play two games at the park this afternoon and all of the players were either practicing on the field or in their dressing rooms.

One of the bystanders noticed a narrow tongue of flame shooting up between the boards of the partition in the west end of the stand. The players on the field did not think the fire serious and several of the bystanders started to put it out. In an instant the entire structure was a roaring furnace.

BEDRAGGLED ERMINE.

Federal Judge Ricks May Be Impeached For Stealing Fees.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Mr. Johnson (Dem. Ohio) has presented to the house a memorial praying for the impeachment of Augustus S. Ricks, judge of the northern district of Ohio.

The memorial recited the charges against Judge Ricks (already published) alleging misappropriation of fees amounting to \$1,100, along with other "crimes, misdemeanors and corruption," for which impeachment proceedings were prayed.

Mr. Grosvenor (Rep. Ohio) stated that in his opinion the charges arose out of a misunderstanding. He knew nothing personally about the facts and did not want to interfere with a full investigation, but he thought it would be a matter of profound surprise to the bar of Ohio if any stain was found on Judge Ricks.

The memorial was referred to the committee on judiciary.

The charges were placed in the hands of Congressman Tom Johnson, who went to the treasury department and discovered, among other things, that Judge Ricks had filed a statement of fees received in certain Birdsell patent cases, but that, according to this statement, he had received \$300 had been held back three or four years.

Judge Ricks was the first federal judge who gave a wide interpretation of the law bearing on strikes, in the Ann Arbor case about a year ago. His action of Judge Ricks, coupled with the fact that a little later he delivered a lecture in Chicago in which he took strong ground in favor of corporations, aroused antagonism among the laboring classes.

Character of the Petition.

The petition of the Central Labor union of Cleveland, O., for the impeachment of Judge Ricks of the northern district of Ohio, presented today, is a voluminous document giving in detail the charges that the judge between September 13, 1883 and December 27, 1891, converted to his own use various sums, aggregating \$1,508. It charges that the judge "has shown himself to be a person wholly unfit to properly perform the duties and maintain the dignity and character of said judicial office and that he is an unsafe and dangerous person to be entrusted with the performance of the important duties thereof and the public welfare requires that he be removed."

The signed by the Central Labor union is on the document and it is signed by Robert Baudlaw and Robert Barthelo, as committee.

Copies of the record of the court, giving in detail the sums alleged to have been misappropriated, are appended.

A NEW CHRISTIAN ORDER.

This One Is Exclusively For Boys—Is Called National Boys' League.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 6.—Incorporation papers have been filed here for the National Boys' League, an organization intended for boys from 14 to 21 years of age. The proposed work of the league is a combination of the Chautauqua-Christian Endeavor ideas, the motto being "Self-Help."

Ralph Field, who is at the head of the organization, has been perfecting plans for several years, and has selected a strong board of directors from several states. The league has already begun the publication of a weekly paper called the Baptist Christian and will shortly issue a series of pamphlets on subjects of direct interest to all ambitious youths.

Besides this work, which is intended for all classes of boys, the league will build in this city a great industrial school and home for homeless boys. The Brightside home for boys has been turned over to the national organization for this purpose.

PAY DAY TOMORROW.

The treasurer's office announces that the Santa Fe shopmen will be paid tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Harbor and River Bill.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The conference report on the river and harbor bill has been agreed to by the senate. This completes the bill and it goes to the president for signature.

Gov. Blair Dead.

DETROIT, Aug. 6.—After an illness lasting several days, Governor Blair passed away at 12 o'clock this morning. He had been unconscious since Friday last and had no strength left. The whole family was at his bedside.

Cholera in Holland.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 6.—Five new cases of cholera and three deaths from that disease have been reported from Maastricht last Sunday.

R. J. Sloat, Populist nominee for representative, started in on his new job this morning as a traveling representative of an eastern glove house. He went to the southern part of the state.

BRUTES OF TUGMEN.

A Scene Among the Modern Savages of Chicago.

A Row Breaks Out Over a Little Child.

BEATEN WITH BOTTLES

Women Founded Into Insensibility by Drunken Men.

A Father Ripped Open by His Son.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—The new government pier last night was the scene of a fight incited by several drunken tugmen which nearly cost the lives of several people. The row started over the use of vile language in front of a four-year-old child by a lot of bawling tugmen and the loaders who infested the place.

John Flynn, the father, attempted to take the child away from the tugmen, and the latter resisted, assisted by Captains Brown and Smith. In less than a minute Flynn, a man named McDermond and the tugmen were engaged in a rough and tumble fight, in which beer bottles, dishes and every other available weapon was used. Nearly everybody around the place took one side or the other and blood flowed in streams.

Mrs. McDermond and Mrs. Flynn tried to interfere, but were beaten into insensibility with beer bottles in the hands of the drunken men. As the tugmen and McDermond sank to the floor half insensible, their assailants ground their heels into the faces of the helpless men, and when they thought Flynn and his companion were finished, threw them into the lake.

The men immediately sank and would have been drowned had not the tug Sam beam, Captain Smith, just then steamed up and picked the men from the water. The tugmen refused to let the tug land, and sacking all the beer and refreshment stands which had not already been demolished, they attacked the boat with dishes and bottles, keeping it at a distance.

The crew of the Sunbeam, after a consultation, agreed to force a landing and take the injured woman at all hazards. Each man armed with a revolver sprang upon the pier, and at the points of the guns compelled the drunken travelers to back and while the women and children were carried aboard.

Angry demonstrations were made and a number of people who wished to come in on the Sunbeam, among them being several women, were afraid to approach the boat. With all the injured people safe aboard, Captain Smith steamed back to the city. Warrants have been sworn out for the arrest of all men concerned in the assault.

Slashed His Father.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Henry Whitmann, the aged victim of his son's assault, is lying at the county hospital in a dying condition. This morning the two boys, one aged 16 and the other 22, were taken to the hospital and identified by the dying father as his assailants. Early this morning the boys, Walter and Harry, returned home after spending the night at a dance.

Mr. Whitmann upbraided the boys for staying out so late and the boys retaliated with angry words. From words they resorted to blows, and the father was chastising the boys in a wholesome manner when one of them plunged a knife into the old man's stomach producing a frightful wound.

When the police were called they were denied admittance to the house, but gained entrance by force. The father was sent to the hospital in an unconscious condition and the boys were locked up at the West Chicago avenue station.

The Old Man Was Revived Long Enough This Morning to Identify His Sons as His Assailants.

A. R. U. Strike.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 6.—At a meeting of the local organization of the A. R. U., the employes of the St. Paul & Duluth, Omaha, Burlington and Milwaukee systems at this point the strike was formally declared off.

LOCAL MENTION.

John Fleisch, formerly the chief clerk in Division Superintendent McJellan's office here, is in the city visiting friends. He is now in the Santa Fe's Colorado Springs offices.

The Thompson-Farr Mercantile company of Marion, Kas., has filed its charter with the secretary of state. The incorporators are Chas. W. Thompson, Besie Thompson, A. B. Farr, Hattie H. Farr and E. D. Dohinger. Capital \$10,000.

Albert Hess, who was for many years employed in the Santa Fe general offices here, was killed near Fort Worth, Texas, last Tuesday. He was a Rock Island brakeman and was run over by his train. He was buried there. His parents now live in Chicago. He was twenty-three years old.

Superintendent of Insurance Snider, who is in New York representing the state in the examination of the New York life insurance company which is being made by six states, is sick and has telegraphed to Assistant Superintendent of Insurance C. A. Taylor to come and take his place.

Water For Typhoid Patients.

Dr. Hector Maillart of Geneva concludes that typhoid fever patients should in all cases drink at least five or six quarts of water daily. The duration of the fever is not affected, but uncomfortable and alarming symptoms are abated, and no unpleasant consequences have been observed.

A Community of Chess Players.

In the Austrian village of Storbach all the inhabitants are chess players, and the game is taught in the public schools.

BURNED IT THEMSELVES.

Remarkable Charges Made by Labor Men to Mayor Hopkins of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—During the past week a committee of the A. R. U. held frequent consultations with Mayor Hopkins. Today W. E. Burns, a director of that organization and head of the committee, admitted that the purpose of their visit was to furnish the authorities with information touching the damage claims of the railway companies.

The A. R. U. men say they expect to prove in many instances that the destruction of property for which damages are claimed was done by men employed by the railroads and general managers' association. They claim to be able to prove that the man arrested last Friday, charged with leading the riot and burning the cars on the Rock Island road on July 5th was at that time in the employ of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois road; they also claim to have other similar cases.

Their object is to show that the A. R. U. is not responsible for the riots and destruction of property.

THE A. R. U. HEARING.

It Begins at a Late Hour This Afternoon.

The hearing for a temporary injunction against 1,500 members of the A. R. U. to prevent them from interfering with the operation of the railroads in Kansas, came up before Judge Foster at 3 p. m. today.

Capt. J. G. Waters and Bennett R. Wiecek appeared for the men and asked that the proceedings be dismissed because the bill was sworn to only upon information and belief. Several of the men appeared to fight the temporary injunction but Judge Foster had not decided at 3:30 whether he would hear evidence or not.

SAYS ITS ONLY \$750,000.

Treasurer Wilder on the Borrowing Order Issued Saturday.

Treasurer Wilder of the Santa Fe railroad company has made a statement that the amount authorized to be borrowed by the receivers is \$750,000, instead of \$1,500,000, as before reported. The other order, he says, was to rally former contractors. Mr. Wilder says:

"The desire of the receivers, as well as the trustees of the general mortgage bonds and of the reorganization committee is, that the floating indebtedness shall not be increased any more than absolutely necessary, and while the \$750,000 was fixed as a limit, it is not the intention that the full amount shall be borrowed if business continues reviving as it has since the collapse of the recent strike."

Judge Foster, who issued this order, said today: "It is my recollection that the order was for \$1,500,000. It seems that the receivers intended on this matter, and I suppose I should have said nothing about it."

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Milwaukee Pythians to Erect a Large Temple—Spear Points.

At a meeting of prominent Knights of Pythias, held at Milwaukee, it was decided to build during the current year a large temple in Milwaukee at a cost of \$500,000. A stock company will be organized, and Pythians throughout the state will subscribe to the stock.

The Essex county (Mass.) Pythians will hold their annual parade and banquet in Haverhill Sept. 20.

There are 165 lodges, in California, with a membership of 10,620. Sixty-nine thousand dollars have been paid for relief, sick and funeral benefits during the year. Assets are valued at \$212,605.

Faneuil hall has been engaged for the grand banquet to be given Oct. 10, on the occasion of the celebration of the silver anniversary of the establishment of the grand lodge in Massachusetts.

Bro. James Whitehouse, grand keeper of records and seal of the grand lodge of Maryland, was presented with a handsome silver watch, with silver, on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary in the position he holds.

The Toronto K. of P. band can now muster 40 Sir Knights and are the best musicians on the continent. The band of 25, which will accompany the Ontario Pythians and Toronto division, No. 2, to Washington, will speak for itself.

Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Since the institution of the grand castle of Pennsylvania in 1878 there have been initiated 72,871 candidates; admitted by card or certificate, 1,428; reinstated, 1,387; withdrawn, 2,669; deceased, 1,942; expelled, 916; resigned, 214; rejected, 2,947. The number of brothers relieved was 31,827. The total amount of receipts was \$2,189,209.76. The total amount paid for the relief of brothers, widowed families, burial of the dead and